

REMARKS AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

The Claims are amended as noted above, and replace the previously-filed Claims. Specifically, Claims 1-8, 10-12, 18-37, 44-46, and 49-58 are withdrawn as non-elected inventions. Claims 9 and 16 contain the only amendments not found in the Amendment and Response, filed July 28, 2005, thus the remaining amendments to the claims are identical to those filed on July 28, 2005.

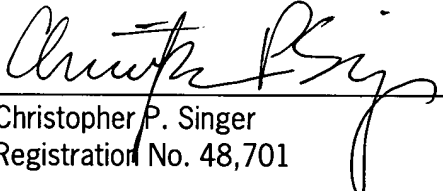
Claims 9 and 16 are amended so that they do not depend from non-elected (withdrawn) claims. Support for the amendments to the claims can be found in the original claims 1-8. The amendments do not constitute new matter. If necessary, Applicants incorporate by reference the arguments of record in the Amendment and Response, filed July 28, 2005.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully contend that all conditions of patentability are met in the pending claims as amended. Allowance of the claims is thereby respectfully solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative by telephone at 312-913-0001 to discuss any aspect of this response.

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